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***Response to Amendment***

1. The reply filed on 9/20/02 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): The applicant has not provided an parenthetical expression following the claim number indicating the status of the claim as amended or newly added, for example, "amended", "twice amended", or "new", in both the clean version and marked up version. See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment.

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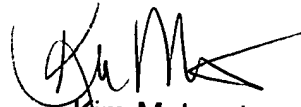
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